

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH M. COGGS

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Contract with Women of the USA National Honor Roll of State Legislators

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH M. COGGS NAMED TO NATIONAL HONOR ROLL FOR WORK ON WOMEN'S ISSUES IN WISCONSIN

In recognition of her commitment to women's human rights, State Representative Elizabeth M Coggs has been named to the Center for Women Policy Studies' *National Honor Roll of State Legislators*.

Elizabeth M Coggs is one of more than 700 state legislators who have accepted the Center's invitation to join its honor roll of lawmakers who have demonstrated their dedication to promoting women's equality and empowerment. "We are honored to welcome State Representative Elizabeth M Coggs to the *National Honor Roll*. I know that the women of Wisconsin can count on her determination, knowledge, and political skills to improve the status and condition of Wisconsin's women and girls," Center President Leslie R. Wolfe said. The Center, founded in 1972, promotes women's human rights through enlightened public policy; the Center is located in Washington D.C.

"It is an honor for me to join with other legislators across the Nation as we work to improve the lives and opportunities of women and girls in our states," State Representative Elizabeth M Coggs said.

"While we have accomplished much, we must remember that many women still lack access to education, job training, work that pays a living wage, health care and quality child care," State Representative Elizabeth M Coggs said.

Legislators who join the *National Honor Roll* endorse the Center's **Contract with Women of the USA®**, a set of 12 principles that bring home the promises of the international Platform for Action approved by the United States and 188 other nations at the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing (www.centerwomenpolicy.org).

The Contract's principles include: empowerment of women; sharing family responsibilities; ending the burden of poverty; high quality, affordable health care; sexual and reproductive rights; workplace rights; educational equity; ending violence against

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women; protecting a healthy environment; women as peace makers; honoring international commitments and ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); and developing a long-term national plan to implement the **Contract**'s principles.

Legislators named to the *National Honor Roll* pledge their "mutual commitment to the goal of equality and empowerment for American women" and agree "to work together to overcome discrimination based on sex, race, class, age, immigration status, sexual orientation, religion and disability."

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